

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 90

Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller
(Coauthor: Senator Ashburn)

January 23, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 90—Relative to Kern County Deputy Sheriff William “Joe” Hudnall Jr. Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 90, as introduced, Fuller. Kern County Deputy Sheriff William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 178 in Kern County as the Kern County Deputy Sheriff William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr. was born on August
- 2 14, 1963, in Kern County, California; and
- 3 WHEREAS, His parents were Ethyl Hudnall and William Joseph
- 4 Hudnall, Sr.; and
- 5 WHEREAS, William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., attended Kern Valley
- 6 High School in Lake Isabella, California; and
- 7 WHEREAS, William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., was hired by the Kern
- 8 County Sheriff’s Department on September 27, 1997, after putting
- 9 himself through the P.O.S.T. Academy at his own expense, and
- 10 was assigned to patrol duties; and

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hudnall was killed in the line of
2 duty on November 14, 2006, while transporting a prisoner from
3 his duty assignment in Kernville, California, to Bakersfield,
4 California. His patrol unit was struck head-on by a vehicle operated
5 by a subject that was under the influence of a controlled substance
6 while on Highway 178 in the Kern Canyon; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hudnall was married to Carrie
8 Hudnall, and had two young sons, Chancellor and Creighton, and
9 two adult children from a previous marriage, Joshua and Jennifer;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Hudnall was dedicated to, and
12 loved, his job and left a positive impression with everyone he met.
13 He was a wonderful husband and father. His greatest joys were
14 off-road riding with his sons, deep-sea fishing, poker, and all family
15 outings; and

16 WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Deputy Sheriff
17 Hudnall, and his coworkers who travel on Highway 178 in the
18 Kern Canyon, to name a portion of that highway from the mouth
19 of the canyon eastbound to its intersection with Kernville Road
20 (State Highway Route 155) as the Kern County Deputy Sheriff
21 William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
25 portion of State Highway Route 178 from the mouth of Kern
26 Canyon eastbound to its intersection with Kernville Road (State
27 Highway Route 155) in Kern County as the Kern County Deputy
28 Sheriff William “Joe” Hudnall, Jr., Memorial Highway; and be it
29 further

30 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
31 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
32 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
33 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
34 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
35 be it further

36 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
38 author for appropriate distribution.

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